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# S. 2768

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the medicare-dependent, small rural hospital program.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 22, 2000

Ms. COLLINS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## A BILL

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the medicare-dependent, small rural hospital program.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Small Rural Hospital  
5 Program Improvement Act of 2000”.

6 **SEC. 2. MAKING THE MEDICARE-DEPENDENT, SMALL**  
7 **RURAL HOSPITAL PROGRAM PERMANENT.**

8 (a) PAYMENT METHODOLOGY.—Section  
9 1886(d)(5)(G) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
10 1395ww(d)(5)(G)) (as amended by section 404(a) of the

1 Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Balanced Budget Refine-  
 2 ment Act of 1999 (113 Stat. 1501A–372), as enacted into  
 3 law by section 1000(a)(6) of Public Law 106–113) is  
 4 amended—

5 (1) in clause (i), by striking “and before Octo-  
 6 ber 1, 2006,”; and

7 (2) in clause (ii)(II), by striking “and before  
 8 October 1, 2006,”.

9 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

10 (1) TARGET AMOUNT.—Section 1886(b)(3)(D)  
 11 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
 12 1395ww(b)(3)(D)) (as amended by section 404(b)(1)  
 13 of the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Balanced  
 14 Budget Refinement Act of 1999 (113 Stat. 1501A–  
 15 372), as enacted into law by section 1000(a)(6) of  
 16 Public Law 106–113) is amended—

17 (A) in the matter preceding clause (i), by  
 18 striking “and before October 1, 2006,”; and

19 (B) in clause (iv), by striking “through fis-  
 20 cal year 2005,” and inserting “or any subse-  
 21 quent fiscal year,”.

22 (2) PERMITTING HOSPITALS TO DECLINE RE-  
 23 CLASSIFICATION.—Section 13501(e)(2) of the Omni-  
 24 bus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C.  
 25 1395ww note) (as amended by section 404(b)(2) of

1 the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Balanced  
 2 Budget Refinement Act of 1999 (113 Stat. 1501A–  
 3 372), as enacted into law by section 1000(a)(6) of  
 4 Public Law 106–113) is amended by striking “or  
 5 fiscal year 2000 through fiscal year 2005” and in-  
 6 serting “fiscal year 2000, or any subsequent fiscal  
 7 year,”.

8 **SEC. 3. OPTION TO BASE ELIGIBILITY ON DISCHARGES**  
 9 **DURING ANY OF THE 3 MOST RECENT AU-**  
 10 **DITED COST REPORTING PERIODS.**

11 (a) OPTION TO BASE ELIGIBILITY ON DISCHARGES  
 12 DURING ANY OF THE 3 MOST RECENT AUDITED COST  
 13 REPORTING PERIODS.—Section 1886(d)(5)(G)(iv)(IV) of  
 14 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
 15 1395ww(d)(5)(G)(iv)(IV)) is amended by inserting “, or  
 16 any of the 3 most recent audited cost reporting periods,”  
 17 after “1987”.

18 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
 19 this section shall apply with respect to cost reporting peri-  
 20 ods beginning on or after the date of enactment of this  
 21 Act.

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